

**EDUCATION:** Old Edwardians gather together for historic occasion

# Ladies who lunch go back to school

By Tony Collins

**MORE** than a century of academic tradition comes to Birmingham today when nearly 200 former pupils of a girls' school attend an historic lunch.

King Edwards VI High School for Girls, in Edgbaston, will be launching its 125th anniversary celebrations at its annual Old Edwardians annual meeting and lunch.

Around 180 Old Edwardians are due to attend the historic occasion, which will be followed by a speech from head teacher Sarah Evans on the theme of past, present and future.

An anniversary exhibition has also been mounted in the library of the school which will remain on display for the open evening on Thursday.

The exhibition is the fruit of an idea originally suggested by Sylvia Dicker, who was a pupil at the school from 1944-1951 and whose five daughters also attended.

Part-time history teacher Cas Britten, who was involved in organising the centenary celebrations, and Old Edwardians' archivist Geraldine Marston were consulted over the artefacts on display which include a photographic history of the school, items of uniform, medals, and admissions



■ SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT... organisers Rachel Tuckett, Melissa Sykes and Elle Costigan, all 17. Picture: Emma Lee.

registers. Other celebrations for the forthcoming academic year include an 1883 day in school, a Victorian tea party and a concert at Symphony Hall.

The tradition of the annual Old Edwardians' AGM and lunch dates back to December 1887.

Miss Evans said: "We are all tremendously excited about the forthcoming celebrations for our anniversary and it seemed fitting that the proceedings should be launched by some of the Old Edwardians who have previously studied at the school and gone on to

achieve great things in their chosen fields.

"This year marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of King Edwards VI High School for Girls and provides the perfect opportunity both to reflect on the school's past and its strong history of academic

achievement, whilst looking to the future and continuing to build on its all-round excellence."

The open day on Thursday takes place between 5pm and 8pm.

For information visit [www.kehs.org.uk](http://www.kehs.org.uk) or call 0121 472 1834.